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PQ 4296/25*To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres delivered nationally in 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number that have encountered delays during that period; the number of primary care centres planned nationwide for 2025, 2026 2027 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A total number of 32 Primary Care Centres have been delivered since 2022 to date, details of these centres are listing in the Appendix 1 enclosed with this correspondence.

In 2023 a number of identified successful preferred providers had raised concerns about the financial viability of some priced offers they previously submitted stating that they were no longer economically viable due to inflationary pressures, increasing interest rates and other economic factors. The HSE wrote to a number of providers advising them to either (i) confirm that they will stand over their submitted rates and delivery in a timely manner or (ii) confirm that they cannot deliver as previously agreed and withdraw from the process. The HSE can confirm that a number of locations are being re-advertised as a result.

The HSE is also advertising other locations, where there is a service requirement for a Primary Care Centre but a suitable solution has not been sourced.

The delivery of a primary care centre is dependent on a number of factors such as availability and suitability of site location with good accessibility, level of GP involvement, service level agreement, commercial rates for rent and service charge, planning permission status on proposal and perceived deliverability of the proposal. It is anticipated that new submissions will reflect current market conditions and will address any affordability concerns.

All selected proposals are subject to the normal HSE approval processes and will be rigorously examined in relation to all aspects including whether it represents value for money to the HSE.

At present there are 33 Primary Care Centres are in development. Capital & Estates continue to work with Primary Care Services in developing additional Primary Care Centres to support delivery of health care needs into the future.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Strategic Health Infrastructure and Capital Delivery

Appendix 1

Primary Care Centres Delivered since 2022 to date

Region	Location	Delivery Mechanism	Operational Date
Dublin & North East	Carrickmacross	Operational Lease	2022 Q1
Dublin & Midlands	Knocklyon/Rathfarnham (Ballyboden)	Sale/Lease Back	2022 Q1
West & North West	Sligo Town 2	HSE Own	2022 Q1
West & North West	Donegal Town	Operational Lease	2022 Q1
South West	Bandon	Operational Lease	2022 Q1
West & North West	North Sligo (Drumcliffe)	HSE Own	2022 Q2
West & North West	Newtowncunningham	HSE Own	2022 Q3
West & North West	Buncrana)	Operational Lease	2022 Q3
Dublin & South East	Enniscorthy	Operational Lease	2022 Q3
South West	Beara (Castletownbearhaven)	Operational Lease	2022 Q3
Dublin & South East	Thomastown/Ballyhale	Operational Lease	2022 Q3
Dublin & South East	Waterford City 3/ South Kilkenny (Ferrybank)	Operational Lease	2022 Q3
Mid West	Thurles	Operational Lease	2022 Q3
Mid West	Ennis 1 (Station Road)	Operational Lease	2022 Q4
South West	Fermoy	Operational Lease	2022 Q4
South West	Castleisland	Operational Lease	2022 Q4
South West	Ballincollig	Operational Lease	2022 Q4
West & North West	Moycullen	Operational Lease	2022 Q4
Dublin & South East	Arklow	Operational Lease	2023 Q1

West & North West	North Sligo (Grange)	HSE Own	2023 Q1
Dublin & North East	Monaghan	HSE Own	2023 Q3
Dublin & North East	Killashandra	Operational Lease	2023 Q3
Dublin & North East	Laytown / Bettystown	Operational Lease	2023 Q3
Dublin & North East	Castlebellingham	HSE Own	2023 Q3
Dublin & North East	Clones	Operational Lease	2023 Q3
Dublin & South East	Glasthule/Sallynoggin (Dun Laoghaire)	Operational Lease	2023 Q4
South West	Cobh	Operational Lease	2023 Q4
Dublin & Midlands	Clondalkin Village/Moorefield/Monastery (Boot Road)	Operational Lease	2024 Q2
Dublin & Midlands	Kilbeggan	Operational Lease	2024 Q3
Dublin & North East	Kilbarrack	HSE Own	2024 Q3
West & North West	Dunfanaghy / Falcarragh	Operational Lease	2024 Q4
Mid West	Newcastlewest	Operational Lease	2024 Q4